

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 8,  
with the following rewritten paragraph:

--In addition, there ~~the~~ are scientific evidences that  
chlorine reacts with the organic matter present in the water to  
produce traces of organo-chlorine compounds (trihalomethanes or,  
more generally, AOX) which ~~with~~ are very critical from the  
toxicological point of view due to the recognized cancer-  
producing activity.--